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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT LEAHY VETTING CLEARANCE FOR PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LEAHY VETTING REQUEST - USMLO//TRG/05-848

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11. (SBU) The Department of State reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations for the following individual listed below. This individual is a candidate to attend the Naval Staff College at the Naval War College in Rhode Island from January 5, 2009 through June 19, 2009.

12. (U) Candidate:

Name: Peter Kinzen Tupma

Organization: Papua New Guinea Defence Force

Rank: Lieutenant Commander

Position: Patrol Boat Captain, Lombrum Base

DOB: 4 August 1966

POB: Kamanibet, Kewak, Papua New Guinea

- $\underline{\mathbb{1}}$ 3. (U) Post may provide the following statement to authorized parties: Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the individual identified in paragraph 2 above, as of this date. Post may cite this cable in response.
- $\P4$. (U) If, in the future, post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individual listed above, post must immediately inform the Department and not proceed with training.
- 15. (U) POC for this action is Jameson DeBose:

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